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### **BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES NOVEMBER 12, 2015**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

This scheduled meeting of the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners was called to Order by Board Vice Chair Jose Perez at 9:45 a.m., in the Hudson Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

##### **Present:**

Ben K. Beitin, LMFT, *Board Chair*  
Jose Perez, *Vice Chair*  
Lorraine M. Barry, LMFT, *Board Member*  
Michelle Weinberg, LMFT, *Board Member*  
Johanna Klena, LCSW, *Board Member*  
Ketrin Saud Maxwell, *Board Member (Professional Counselor Committee Liaison)*  
Edward Reading, LCADC, *Board Member (Alcohol & Drug Committee Liaison)*  
Alyson Smith, *Board Member*  
Mia Sena, *Public Member*

##### **Absent:**

Eileen Thornton, *Public Member*

##### **Also in attendance:**

Shirley Dickstein, *Deputy Attorney General*  
Milagros B. Collazo, *Executive Director*  
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz, *Government Representative*  
Celeste Paige, *Administrative Assistant*

##### ***Announcement of Quorum***

*Board Vice Chair Jose Perez announced the presence of quorum at 9:45 a.m.*

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mail to the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and the Courier Post. Adequate notice of this meeting was also posted on the Board's web page.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2015 PUBLIC MINUTES**

*Upon motion made by Lorraine Barry, and seconded by Michelle Weinberg, the Board voted to approve the October 8, 2015 public minutes as presented.*

*Voting in favor: all, with Alyson Smith, Ketrin Saud-Maxwell and Ed Reading abstaining.*

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*The following members of the public were present, but did not comment:*

Inga Schnee, NJAMFT

Carol Boudier

**V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Executive Director Collazo presented the Licensing Activity Report for Board review:

There are currently 572 total active Marriage and Family Therapy licenses, 185 applications pending and 14 reinstatements pending.

There are currently 2,654 total active licenses for Alcohol and Drug Counselors (LCADC & CADC), 1,142 applications pending and 13 reinstatements pending.

There are currently 5,304 total active licenses for Professional Counselors (LAC, LPC, LRC), 1,444 applications pending and 41 reinstatements pending.

\* Applications in pending include applications pending final Board review/ approval, incomplete applications, applications waiting for exam results, and applications that have been abandoned.

**VI. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

**A. P.L. 2013 Chapter 182**

The Board reviewed N.J.S.A. 45:1-7, for renewals, reinstatements, and reciprocity.

*The Board accepted this as informational.*

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. New Jersey State Task Force's September 20, 2015 letter regarding Assembly Bill 4353**

The Board reviewed the letter from Leissa Saniago, a member of the New Jersey State Task Force for music therapy, regarding Assembly Bill 4353 (Music Therapy).

*The Board accepted this as information, and will send a letter of response acknowledging their comments, and inform them that the bill is still being considered in the Senate.*

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. North Dakota Board of Counselor Examiners**

The Board reviewed the letter from James Pfeifer, Board Chair of the North Dakota Board of Counselor Examiners, regarding reciprocity between states.

*The Board accepted this as informational, and will add to the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee's next agenda for review.*

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

*No items to report.*

**X. AAMFT/NJAMFT MATTERS**

*No items to report.*

**XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. MFT Regulations Sub-Committee**

- Has completed its first review of proposed changes to existing regulations, and is adjourned at this time.
- The Board formed a Committee to review application forms and supervision forms to update and be completed by the February 11, 2016 meeting.  
*Upon motion made by Michelle Weinberg, and seconded by Lorraine Barry, the Board voted to approve a Committee of Michelle Weinberg, Lorraine Barry, and Jose Perez to review and update applications and supervision forms. Voting in favor: all.*

**B. Alcohol and Drug sub-Committee**

- Need to schedule a regulations sub-committee meeting for continued review of regulations.
- Dr. Reading compiled the information from the Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network (ATTC) workshop on remote therapy and remote supervision.

**C. PC Regulations Sub-Committee**

- Has completed its initial review of updated regulations, and is adjourned at this time.
- The information Dr. Reading compiled from the Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network (ATTC) workshop on remote therapy and remote supervision will be added to the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee to review. The Committee has been working with a law intern to organize all data on remote and tele-therapy.

**XII. FILED ORDERS**

*No items to report.*

**XIII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **December 10, 2015** at 9:30 a.m., Hudson Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

**2015 Meeting Dates:**

December 10, 2015

**2016 Meeting Dates:**

January 14, 2016

February 11, 2016

March 10, 2016

April 14, 2016

May 12, 2016

June 9, 2016

July 14, 2016

August 11, 2016

September 8, 2016  
October 13, 2016  
November 10, 2016  
December 8, 2016

**XIV. APPLICATION REVIEW**

*Upon motion by Lorraine Barry, seconded by Michelle Weinberg, the Board members voted to approve the recommendations below. Voting in favor: all.*

**A. LICENSURE**

1. Rita Garcia

**B. 3 YEAR TEMPORARY PERMIT**

1. Kathryn Hartman
2. Heidi Naylor
3. Priscilla Sanabria
4. Nicole Schellinger
5. Kate C. Thomas

**C. SUPERVISION REPORTS**

1. Margaret Auguste
2. Anneka Dockery
3. Kristyn Eckert
4. Jenny Lui-Melita
5. Tracey Ryan

**D. EXAMINATION AUTHORIZATION**

1. Emmanuel Akpan
2. John P. Simon

**XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Upon a motion made by Jose Perez, and seconded by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, the Board voted to move to Executive Session at 10:25 a.m. Voting in favor: all.*

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

*Upon motion made by Michelle Weinberg, and seconded by Alyson Smith, the Board members present returned to Public Session and voted to adjourn the public meeting at 1:00 p.m. Voting in favor: all.*